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REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed March 21, 2002, reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner maintains his position that Lee teaches "obtaining an indicia of the volume level of audio information received by said system." It is apparently agreed by the Examiner that this claim limitation means that the indicia must be received with the signal including audio information. Thus, the signal contains information that provides audio level data for the received audio information.

The cited Lee reference merely takes user input commands and converts them into corresponding audio volume outputs. Necessarily, Lee never knows what preset audio level was associated with any received audio information. Instead, Lee is simply a system where the user can be playing audio and can adjust the volume of that audio as the user desires.

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